

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 3 - 9, and 14 - 20.

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 10 - 13 as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A method for reporting rating information, comprising:

providing a database that stores a plurality of user profiles corresponding to a plurality of users, wherein each user profile comprises a set of personal information data;

C1 wherein a first subset of users from the plurality of users have each submitted product/service rating data for at least one product or service; wherein the product/service rating data is stored in the user profiles in the database corresponding to the first subset of users;

receiving from a requesting user a request for rating information for a desired product/service, wherein the requesting user is one of the plurality of users; and

creating a first set of rating information from product/service rating data from the database for the desired product/service; wherein the first set of rating information is from a first set of user profiles, wherein each of the users associated with the first set of user profiles has previously submitted product/service rating data for the desired product/service.

2. (Amended) A method for reporting rating information as recited in claim 1, further comprising, filtering the first set of rating information to create a second set of rating information, wherein the filtering is based on the personal information data in the first set of user profiles compared to the personal information data from the user profile of the requesting user, and

reporting the second set of rating information to the requesting user.

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C2 10. (Amended) An apparatus that reports rating information, comprising;

(a) a processor;

(b) a memory that stores information under the control of the processor;

(c) a database that stores a plurality of user profiles corresponding to a plurality of users, wherein each user profile comprises a set of personal information data;

wherein a first subset of users from the plurality of users have each submitted product/service rating data for at least one product or service; wherein the product/service rating data is stored in the user profiles in the database corresponding to the first subset of users;

(d) logic that receives from a requesting user a request for rating information for a desired product/service, wherein the requesting user is one of the plurality of users; and

(e) logic that creates a first set of rating information from product/service rating data from the database for the desired product/service; wherein the first set of rating information is from a first set of user profiles, wherein each of the users associated with the first set of user profiles has previously submitted product/service rating data for the desired product/service.

11. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that reports rating information, comprising:

a code segment that stores a plurality of user profiles corresponding to a plurality of users in a database, wherein each user profile comprises a set of personal information data;

wherein a first subset of users from the plurality of users have each submitted product/service rating data for at least one product or service; wherein the product/service rating data is stored in the user profiles in the database corresponding to the first subset of users;

a code segment that receives from a requesting user a request for rating information for a desired product/service, wherein the requesting user is one of the plurality of users; and

a code segment that creates a first set of rating information from product/service rating data from the database for the desired product/service; wherein the first set of rating information is from a first set of user profiles, wherein each of the users associated with the first set of user profiles has previously submitted product/service rating data for the desired product/service.

12. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that reports rating information as recited in claim 11, further comprising,

a code segment that filters the first set of rating information to create a second set of rating information, wherein the filtering is based on the personal information data in the first set of user profiles compared to the personal information data from the user profile of the requesting user, and

a code segment that reports the second set of rating information to the requesting user.

13. (Amended) An apparatus for reporting rating information as recited in claim 10, further comprising, logic that filters the first set of rating information to create a second set of rating information, wherein the filtering is based on the personal information data in the first set of user profiles compared to the personal information data from the user profile of the requesting user, and

logic that reports the second set of rating information to the requesting user.